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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CI	FR 1.137(b)	10458-9US sC/sm			
First named inventor: Michel MANARASet. al.					
Application No.: 08/272,002 Art Unit: 3502					
Filed: July 8, 1994	Examiner: V. LUONG				
Title: Override Device for Allowing Manual Operation of a Closure Normally Operated by an Electric Motor		RECEIVED			
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Re: TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Docket No.: 10459-9"US"MJS/sm

Applicant: Manaras et al Ser. No.: 08/272,002 Filing Date: 07/08/1994

Title: OVERRIDE DEVICE FOR ALLOWING MANUAL

OPERATION OF A CLOSURE NORMALLY OPERATED

BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the following:

- 1. PETITION TO WITHDRAW A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181 with attached Exhibits A thru H.
- 2. A self-addressed and postage paid Post Card as a "RECEIPT" for return by U. S. mail
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181

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Sir:

In a letter dated August 19, 2005, received from Sébastien Clark of the firm of Swabey, Ogilvy, and Renault, Suite 1600, 1981 McGill College, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 2Y3, Marvin S. Towsend (the undersigned) was requested to inquire about the status of the above-identified utility patent application (the subject patent application). The undersigned was provided with a Power to Inspect/Copy to make the inquiry with respect to the subject patent application; and a copy of the Power to Inspect/Copy is provided as Exhibit A, attached hereto.

From the undersigned's inquiry, it was learned that the patent application became abandoned on April 3, 1997. The reason for abandonment was failure to pay the Issue Fee. It is assumed that the Issue Fee had to be paid on or before April 2, 1997.

However, from information provided to the undersigned by Sébastien Clark, it was learned that the Issue Fee had in fact been paid in a timely manner. More specifically, the Issue Fee was paid on April 2, 1997 for the subject patent application. THEREFORE, IT IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED THAT THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BE WITHDRAWN, and that the subject patent application be sent to Issue.

It is also requested that the Amendment After Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 (mentioned below), that was also filed on April 2, 1997 for the subject patent application, concurrently with the Issue Fee, be entered before issuance of the patent.

More specifically, the information provided to the undersigned stands as evidence that the Issue Fee was in fact paid in a timely manner for the subject patent application, and the evidence of timely filing of the Issue Fee payment includes as follows:

- (i) a copy of the receipt, date-stamped by U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 2, 1997, (see attached Exhibit B) which includes:
 - (a) identifying information for
 - (1) File No. 10459-9"US"MJS/sm,
 - (2) Applicant MANARAS et al, and
 - (3) Patent Ser. No. 08/272,002,
- (b) a box "X"ed for filing of a Certified Copy of Canadian Application No. 2,112,350,
- (c) a box "X"ed for filing an Amendment After Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.312,

- (d) a box "X"ed for a FEE BEING PAID that is Final,
 - (e) a money Amount of 645.00, and
 - (f) Cheque No. 4528;
- (ii) a copy of the cancelled check, No. 4528, (see attached Exhibit C) both front and back, indicating that the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office has received funds in the amount of \$645.00 to cover the Issue Fee; and
- (iii) a copy of a transmittal letter (dated April 1, 1997) (see Exhibit D) which indicates that the following were enclosed with the transmittal letter:
 - (a) Form PTOL-85B;
 - (b) Cheque No. 4528 (\$645.00,
 - (c) Certified Copy of Canadian Application
 No. 2,112,350, and
 - (d) an Amendment After Allowance under 37
 C.F.R. 1.312.

Clearly, the date-stamped receipt (Exhibit B), the cancelled check (Exhibit C), and the transmittal letter (Exhibit D) provide complete proof that the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office received the Issue Fee for the subject patent application in a timely manner. Clearly, then, the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office made an error by regarding the subject patent application as being in a state of abandonment.

To the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, there is no current rule relating to a time limit from the date of the abandonment of the subject patent application to the date of filing of this Petition to Withdraw a Holding of Abandonment, Under 37 CFR § 1.181. Nevertheless, the undersigned would like to provide a brief account of some of the time between the date of abandonment (April 3, 1997, which was the day after the filing of the Issue Fee) and the date of filing this Petition.

First, on December 8, 1999, it appears that a status inquiry was sent electronically to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, to telephone number 703-305-8755, as indicated in a COMMUNICATION RESULT REPORT which indicates that the transmission was OK (see attached Exhibit E).

Second, a STATUS INQUIRY was sent to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, and a post card receipt was date-stamped by the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 16, 1999. The post card receipt was received by Swabey, Ogilvy, and Renault on December 21, 1999. A copy of the date-stamped post card receipt and status inquiry letter are attached hereto as Exhibit F.

Third, on July 19, 2000, an URGENT REMINDER of the STATUS INQUIRY of December 16, 1999 was sent electronically to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, to telephone number 703-305-8755, as indicated in a COMMUNICATION RESULT REPORT which indicates that the transmission was OK (see attached Exhibit G).

Fourth, an URGENT REMINDER of the STATUS INQUIRY of December 16, 1999 sent to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, and a post card receipt was date-stamped by the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 15, 2000. A copy of the date-stamped post card receipt and URGENT REMINDER of the STATUS INQUIRY of December 16, 1999 are attached hereto as Exhibit H.

Finally, recently the undersigned was informed by Sébastien Clark that a five year time interval since August 15, 2000 and the present can be explained by the facts that (a) the patent agent responsible for the file of the subject patent application had left the firm of Swabey, Ogilvy, and Renault, that (b) the docket system of Swabey, Ogilvy, and Renault did not generate any reminder for the subject patent application, and that (c) the current assignee of the subject patent application did not follow up on this matter because the current assignee was not aware of the subject patent application until recently, since it had been filed by another party.

In view of the above, the following are hereby respectfully requested:

- (1) that the holding of abandonment of the subject patent application be withdrawn,
- (2) that the above-mentioned Amendment After Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 that was also filed on April 2, 1997, concurrently with the Issue Fee, be entered in the subject patent application, and

(3) that the subject patent application be sent to Issue. Respectfully submitted, Registration Number 27,959 Marvin S. Towsend Patent Attorney 8 Grovepoint Court Rockville, MD 20854 (Voice and Fax) 301-279-0660 E-mail: MTowsend@aol.com Certificate of Mailing I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Name of person making the deposit, Marvin S. Towsend Signature, /

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Title:

"Override Device for Allowing Manual

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by an Electric Motor"

Allowed:

January 2, 1997

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Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 U.S.A.

Sir:

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Enclosed are the following:

- Duly executed Form PTOL-85B along with our cheque no. 4528 in the amount of \$645.00 to cover the prescribed US Government Issue Fce;
- 2. Certified copy of Canadian Patent Application No. 2,112,350 filed in Canada on December 23, 1993 and upon which priority is based, and completed under 35 U.S.C. §119;
- 3. Amendment After Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.312

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-5113.

April 1, 1997

Date

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Sir:

This follows our payment of the Base Issue Fee on April 2, 1997 in the above application, as well as our subsequent Status Inquiries.

To date, we have still not received the U.S. Letters Patent for the above application. In the above application, the Base Issue Fee was due by April 2, 1997 and was timely paid on that same date. To support this, we include a copy of our file copies (i.e. unsigned) of our cover letter of April 1, 1997 and of its annexes Form PTOL-85B, the Amendment After Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.312, and the front page of the Certified Copy of priority Canadian Application No. 2,112,350, all filed in the USPTO on April 2, 1997. We also include copies of both sides of our cashed cheque No. 4258 (also submitted on April 2, 1997) in the amount of \$645.00 which shows that it was received and cashed by the USPTO. We further enclose a copy of our firm's post card confirming the timely receipt of these documents by the USPTO on April 2, 1997.

Although we have not received any confirmation that the priority claim has been entered in the above application, we know that the Patent Office received on April 2, 1997 our correspondence of April 1, 1997 as we have since received a Patent Office Communication dated January 23, 1998 indicating that the Amendment After Allowance which we submitted simultaneously with the payment of the Base Issue Fee

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Accordingly, we would appreciate receiving the Letters Patent as soon as possible. If the Patent has been granted but has not been received by the undersigned Agent of Record, a new copy thereof is respectfully requested.

In the event that anything further is required in this file, the Office is respectfully requested to immediately contact the undersigned. If not, the Letters Patent is again anticipated in the short future.

Respectfully,

<u>December 8, 1999</u>

Date

Michel Sofia (Reg. No. 37,017)

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SWABEY OGILVY RENAULT 1981 McGill College Ave. Montreal, Quebec Canada H3A 2Y3 Tel.: (514) 845-1726 COMMUNICATION RESULT REPORT (JUL. 19. 2000 8:51AM) * *

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